

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0798  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: UNCTAD, ETRD  
SUBJECT: UNCTAD SEMINARS ON TROPICAL TIMBER

REF: (A) STATE 093723 (NOTAL), (B) ABIDJAN 4370 (NOTAL)

1. INDONESIAN DIRECTOR FOR PRODUCTION PROMOTION IN DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FORESTRY, SOEMARSONO, CONFIRMED THAT SUBJECT SEMINAR TOOK PLACE IN JAKARTA LAST WEEK. SOEMARSONO SAID JAKARTA AND ABIDJAN MEETINGS WERE TWO OF THREE SUCH MEETINGS WITH THIRD MEETING TO COVER LATIN AMERICAN TROPICAL TIMBER PRODUCERS. ATTENDING THE JAKARTA MEETING WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM MALAYSIA, THAILAND, FAO, UNCTAD, AND ESCAP. PHILIPPINES WAS SUPPOSED TO PARTICIPATE, BUT DELEGATION REPORTEDLY LOST THEIR PASSPORTS IN SINGAPORE AND ONLY ARRIVED IN TIME FOR CLOSING CEREMONIES. SOEMARSONO, WHO HEADED INDONESIAN DELEGATION, DESCRIBED LEVEL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTENDANCE AS "TECHNOCRATS" MOSTLY ON THE MARKETING SIDE.

2. SOEMARSONO ASSERTED THAT GENERAL TOPIC WAS HOW TO PROMOTE TIMBER EXPORTS, AND "SINCE THIS WAS A SEMINAR NO DECISIONS OR CONSENSUS WERE ARRIVED AT."

3. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION SOEMARSONO FFOCUSED ON IMPOR-

TANCE OF EUROPE AS A GROWING MARKET (HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM ASEAN-EEC MEETING IN BRUSSELS), AND MENTIONED THE PROBLEMS OF LACK OF SHIP BOTTOMS AND EUROPEAN TARIFF BARRIERS AGAINST SOUTHSEA LOGS AS OPPOSED TO PREFERENCES FOR AFRICAN TROPICAL WOODS. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE DISPROPORTIONATE POWER OF THE JAPANESE TRADING COMPANIES IN THE TIMBER TRADE, AND BRIEFLY COMMENTED ON RISING COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND STATIC PRICES OF TIMBER.

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